

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2007, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set, due to expire April 26, 2007. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Upon entry of the amendments herewith, claims 1-27 remain pending.

#### 1. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note that references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated January 21, 2005, have not been acknowledged by the Examiner. During a phone conference with the Examiner on February 15, 2007, Examiner Hess said that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement appears to be lost and requested that Mr. Armentrout fax this document to him. This was done on February 23, 2007. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion to provide the lost IDS by fax to expedite entry and consideration of the references. Additionally, a further supplemental IDS was filed April 17, 2007, necessitated by art of record in related cases. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide acknowledgement of said references.

#### 2. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

The Office Action, at page 2, rejects claims 1-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,982,111 issued to *Mizushima et al.* and U.S. Patent No. 7,002,887 issued to *Kakiuchi et al.*


Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer pertaining to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,982,111 and 7,002,887. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-27.

3. Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that all pending claims 1-27 are allowable. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Mr. Armentrout by telephone to discuss the above and any other distinctions between the claims and the applied references, if desired. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims, he is further encouraged to contact Mr. Armentrout by telephone to expediently correct such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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